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Title: FINISHING COMPOSITIONS WITH REDUCED VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

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1.  Enclosed is the above-identified new patent application. It includes:
  - 31 Pages of Specification (including claims and abstract)
  - 16 Number of Claims
  - 0 Sheets of Drawings
2.  This application claims priority to Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
3.  Enclosed is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4.  Enclosed is an executed Assignment to 3M Innovative Properties Company and a completed Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
5.  Enclosed is a Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (if foreign priority is claimed).
6.  Other enclosures:
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